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<b>Applicant</b> BOLOTINSKY, Yuri et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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International application No. PCT/IL99/00562	International filing date (day/month/year) 25/10/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 26/10/1998
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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

**4. REMINDER**

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filling translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 118908.3 SZ	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
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Applicant A.T.T. ADVANCED TRANSFORMER TECHNOLOGIES..et al.		
<p>1. This International preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 9 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</li> <li>II   <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</li> <li>III   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</li> <li>IV   <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</li> <li>V   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li>VI   <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</li> <li>VII   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</li> <li>VIII   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul>		
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**I. Basis of the report.**

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (substitute sheets, which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).)

Description, pages:

1-24 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-28 as received on 30/01/2001 with letter of 30/01/2001

Drawings, sheets:

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

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the drawings, sheets:

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*(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

**III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability**

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application.  
 claims Nos. 20-28.

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

the description, claims or drawings (*Indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):

the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. 20-28.

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination report cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.  
 the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 5,10,12-14,17-19

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	No:	Claims 1-4,6-9,11,15,16
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-19
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-19
	No:	Claims

**2. Citations and explanations  
see separate sheet**

**VII. Certain defects in the international application**

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:  
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**VIII. Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:  
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**Re Item III**

**Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability**

1. Present Claim 20 includes features, which have not been present in original Claim 20 (cf. the underlined passages in present Claim 20, in particular the annealing of the toroids process steps). Present Claims 21 to 27 depend on present Claim 20. Present independent product Claim 28 defines a product by a process according to present Claim 20. Therefore, the subject-matter of present Claims 20 to 28 has not been searched, and the International Search Report has not been established with respect to present Claims 20 to 28 (cf. Rules 66.1(e); 70.2(d) PCT).
2. Furthermore, the process features of present Claim 20 defining the product of present Claim 28 are not necessarily distinguishable from the product (lack of clarity; cf. Article 6 PCT).
3. This report includes a reasoned statement as defined in Item V below with respect to original Claims 20 to 36.

**Re Item V**

**Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Reference is made to the following document/s:
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  - D2: US-A-2 909 742 (GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY) 20 October 1959 (1959-10-20)
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D6: GB 830 094 A (BROWN BOVERI) 9 March 1960 (1960-03-09)

D7: CH 483 707 A (BROWN BOVERI) 31 December 1969 (1969-12-31)

D8: US-A-3 684 991 (TRUMP JOHN GEORGE ET AL) 15 August 1972  
(1972-08-15)

D9: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 016, no. 513 (E-1283), 22  
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D10: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 006, no. 211 (E-137),  
23 October 1982 (1982-10-23) & JP 57 114215 A (TOKUDEN KK), 16  
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9 October 1984 (1984-10-09) & JP 59 104110 A (TOKUDEN KK), 15  
June 1984 (1984-06-15)

**2. Novelty (Article 33 (2) PCT)**

**2.1** D1 discloses (cf. the whole document, in particular page 5, line 13 to  
page 8, line 25) the subject-matter of present Claims 1 (three legs 2 to  
4; yokes 5, 9; windings 6 to 8; symmetry about central axis 12; ), 2 (strip  
10; page 5, line 32 to page 6, line 4: amorphous ferromagnetic material,  
e. g. "METGLAS"; page 6, lines 28 - 31), 4 (cf. Figure 2), 9 (cf. Figures  
1 to 6 and the related text), 16 (cf. Figures 1 to 6 and the related text).

**2.2** D2 discloses (cf. the whole document, in particular column 1, line 63 to  
column 2, line 60) the subject-matter of present Claims 1 (cf. the Figure),  
3 (cf. column 1, line 64), 6 to 8 (insulation 30 and the Figure; cf. also  
point VIII. below concerning the term "toroid"), 11 (cf. insulating material  
31; column 2, lines 39 - 46), 15 (cf. the Figure and the related text;  
column 2, lines 47 - 60).

**2.3** None of the available documents discloses, in combination, all features.

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cf present Claims 5, 10, 12 to 14, 17 to 19.

3. Inventive Step (Article 33 (3) PCT)
- 3.1 D1 discloses silicon steel as material of the core including top and bottom yokes (cf. page 1, lines 12 - 23). Use of silicon steel for the yokes of D1 is obvious (cf. present Claim 3). D6 mentions a substantially circular yoke alternatively to a triangular yoke (cf. page 2, lines 4 - 12; a combination with the transformer of D1 is obvious; cf. also D7, Figure 3; cf. present Claim 5). Analogous use of the slots of D1 (cf. Figure 3; page 5, lines 24 - 30) is obvious (cf. present Claim 13). Coating contacting surfaces with insulating material 31 is obvious from D2 (cf. column 2, lines 39 - 46; cf. present Claim 14).
- 3.2 D2 teaches to form the yokes 10, 11 and the leg members 12, 13, 14 separately, to mount the coils 21, 22 over the legs, and mounting the column-like elementary circuits between the yokes 10, 11 in a spaced-apart relationship. From D1, it is obvious to form a spatial symmetrical structure about a central axis 12. Therefore, from an obvious combination of D1 and D2, the skilled person achieves the subject-matter of original Claims 20, 21 (cf. D2, column 1, lines 43 - 68), 22 (cf. D1, page 5, line 31 to page 6, line 4), 23 (cf. D2, column 1, line 64), 24 (D2 teaches to use a form of the desired diameter (cf. column 1, lines 62 - 64); D4, column 2, lines 21 - 32 and 39 - 48 teaches to use a triangularly shaped mandrel and to anneal while clamped; it is obvious to the skilled person to use a triangularly shaped mandrel to form and fix the yokes of D1), 25 (well-known to the skilled person; cf. D5; Figures 1, 2 and the related text), 26 (well-known to the skilled person; cf. D6, page 1, lines 57 - 59; cf. also D2, column 2, line 25), 29 and 30 (cf. D2, column 2, lines 14 - 60), 31 (cf. the legs of D1), 32 (cf. D2, column 2, lines 14 - 27), 33 (cf. D2, column 1, line 42: magnetic material; D1, page 7, last line to page 8, line 5), 34 (cf. D2, column 1, line 64; column 2, lines 18 - 23).
- 3.3 Use of strips of different widths for power transformers is suggested by

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D3. From an obvious combination of D3 with D1 and/or D2, the skilled person achieves the subject-matter of present Claims 10, 27, 28, 35, 36.

- 3.4 D10 teaches to use magnetic liquid of carbonyl iron powder and thermosetting resin to make gaps at the confronting parts to a minimum. Therefore, it is obvious to use such magnetic liquid in a transformer obvious from D2 (cf. present Claims 12 and 17 to 19). D9 teaches to use sintered magnetic powder (cf. present Claims 11, 12, 17, 18).

**Re Item VII**

Certain defects in the international application

1. The features of the claim/s are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
2. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document/s D1 to D11 is not mentioned in the description, nor is/are this/these document/s identified therein.
3. The units employed on page/s 2, lines 15 and 16, are not additionally expressed in terms of the units stipulated by Rule 10 PCT.

**Re Item VIII**

Certain observations on the international application

The original version of claims does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT (The present Claims 1 to 19 are identical with original Claims 1 to 19.).

1. In Claims 6, 10, 21, 29, 30, 32 (and throughout the description; cf. e. g. page 10, line 1), the term "toroid" is not clear (cf. present Figure 7 and the Figure of D2). Normally, the surface of a torus is formed by rotating

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a circle through 360° about an axis that does not cut the circle.

2. In Claim 11, it is not clear what circuits are spaced from one another (stacked members of one column-like elementary circuit? cf. the Figure of D2).

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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**Description, pages:**

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**Claims, No.:**

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**Drawings, sheets:**

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 5,10,12-14,17-19

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	No:	Claims	1-4,6-9,11,15,16
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1-19
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-19
	No:	Claims	

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**R It m III**

**Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability**

1. Present Claim 20 includes features, which have not been present in original Claim 20 (cf. the underlined passages in present Claim 20, in particular the annealing of the toroids process steps). Present Claims 21 to 27 depend on present Claim 20. Present independent product Claim 28 defines a product by a process according to present Claim 20. Therefore, the subject-matter of present Claims 20 to 28 has not been searched, and the International Search Report has not been established with respect to present Claims 20 to 28 (cf. Rules 66.1(e), 70.2(d) PCT).
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**Re Item V**

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10; page 5, line 32 to page 6, line 4: amorphous ferromagnetic material,  
e. g. "METGLAS"; page 6, lines 28 - 31), 4 (cf. Figure 2), 9 (cf. Figures  
1 to 6 and the related text), 16 (cf. Figures 1 to 6 and the related text).

2.2 D2 discloses (cf. the whole document, in particular column 1, line 63 to  
column 2, line 60) the subject-matter of present Claims 1 (cf. the Figure),  
3 (cf. column 1, line 64), 6 to 8 (insulation 30 and the Figure; cf. also  
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column 2, lines 47 - 60).

2.3 None of the available documents discloses, in combination, all features

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of present Claims 5, 10, 12 to 14, 17 to 19.

3. Inventive Step (Article 33 (3) PCT)

3.1 D1 discloses silicon steel as material of the core including top and bottom yokes (cf. page 1, lines 12 - 23). Use of silicon steel for the yokes of D1 is obvious (cf. present Claim 3). D6 mentions a substantially circular yoke alternatively to a triangular yoke (cf. page 2, lines 4 - 12; a combination with the transformer of D1 is obvious; cf. also D7, Figure 3; cf. present Claim 5). Analogous use of the slots of D1 (cf. Figure 3; page 5, lines 24 - 30) is obvious (cf. present Claim 13). Coating contacting surfaces with insulating material 31 is obvious from D2 (cf. column 2, lines 39 - 46; cf. present Claim 14).

3.2 D2 teaches to form the yokes 10, 11 and the leg members 12, 13, 14 separately, to mount the coils 21, 22 over the legs, and mounting the column-like elementary circuits between the yokes 10, 11 in a spaced-apart relationship. From D1, it is obvious to form a spatial symmetrical structure about a central axis 12. Therefore, from an obvious combination of D1 and D2, the skilled person achieves the subject-matter of original Claims 20, 21 (cf. D2, column 1, lines 43 - 68), 22 (cf. D1, page 5, line 31 to page 6, line 4), 23 (cf. D2, column 1, line 64), 24 (D2 teaches to use a form of the desired diameter (cf. column 1, lines 62 - 64); D4, column 2, lines 21 - 32 and 39 - 48 teaches to use a triangularly shaped mandrel and to anneal while clamped; it is obvious to the skilled person to use a triangularly shaped mandrel to form and fix the yokes of D1), 25 (well-known to the skilled person; cf. D5, Figures 1, 2 and the related text), 26 (well-known to the skilled person; cf. D6, page 1, lines 57 - 59; cf. also D2, column 2, line 25), 29 and 30 (cf. D2, column 2, lines 14 - 60), 31 (cf. the legs of D1), 32 (cf. D2, column 2, lines 14 - 27), 33 (cf. D2, column 1, line 42: magnetic material; D1, page 7, last line to page 8, line 5), 34 (cf. D2, column 1, line 64; column 2, lines 18 - 23).

3.3 Use of strips of different widths for power transformers is suggested by

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D3. From an obvious combination of D3 with D1 and/or D2, the skilled person achieves the subject-matter of present Claims 10, 27, 28, 35, 36.

- 3.4 D10 teaches to use magnetic liquid of carbonyl iron powder and thermosetting resin to make gaps at the confronting parts to a minimum. Therefore, it is obvious to use such magnetic liquid in a transformer obvious from D2 (cf. present Claims 12 and 17 to 19). D9 teaches to use sintered magnetic powder (cf. present Claims 11, 12, 17, 18).

**Re Item VII**

Certain defects in the international application

1. The features of the claim/s are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
2. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document/s D1 to D11 is not mentioned in the description, nor is/are this/these document/s identified therein.
3. The units employed on page/s 2, lines 15 and 16, are not additionally expressed in terms of the units stipulated by Rule 10 PCT.

**Re Item VIII**

Certain observations on the international application

The original version of claims does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT (The present Claims 1 to 19 are identical with original Claims 1 to 19.).

1. In Claims 6, 10, 21, 29, 30, 32 (and throughout the description; cf. e. g. page 10, line 1), the term "toroid" is not clear (cf. present Figure 7 and the Figure of D2). Normally, the surface of a torus is formed by rotating

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a circle through 360° about an axis that does not cut the circle.

2. In Claim 11, it is not clear what circuits are spaced from one another (stacked members of one column-like elementary circuit? cf. the Figure of D2).

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